

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with the Specification, which noted that Fig. 4 is contained in the drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings, the Applicant has amended the specification to correct this deficiency. Specifically, Applicant has amended the Brief Description of the Drawings to add the description of Fig. 4 as follows:

Fig. 4 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 3 with the valve element in an open condition, and with fluid and ice contained in the wall hydrant.

Additionally, Applicant has amended the paragraph at page 4, lines 5-36 to refer to this Fig. 4 where relevant. Applicant does not believe this amended paragraph is absolutely necessary for the completeness of the current application; therefore, if the Office of Patent Publication/Publishing Division finds such amendment objectionable, Applicant requests that this amended language not be entered and only the Brief Description of the Drawings be changed.

Conclusion:

Applicant believes the application as amended is now in condition for issuance, and Applicant requests the present application be allowed to issue. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at telephone number 515-558-0200.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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